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1. They broke a previous court order, blithely and openly. They must face harsh penalties to ensure respect for the law.
2. Opening up the education market to MS, a feat which they have not had great penetration is nonsensical in and of itself and will hurt legitimate software companies.
3. The operating system does not include writing programs, photo-editing programs, internet-surfing programs or email programs. It is simply the software which allows other software to run on the hardware. MS must offer this "stripped-down" or more accurately, proper system to all purchasers of MS software - wholesalers, retailers and others.
4. They be forbidden to "implant" secret APIs. If they are building an operating system then they must allow fair competition by completely opening up all their commands, sub-commands, API's, hardware and software calls, IO, etc to licensed developers. These developers must all have identical terms, with reductions for block purchases only.

Thank you,

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